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PRESS RELEASE

RICHARD KEARNEY NAMED NEW CHIEF OF PRISONS

DOVER-- Commissioner Carl Danberg this morning named Richard “Rick” Allen Kearney as the new Bureau Chief of Prisons. The 28-year veteran replaces the recently retired Chief Paul Howard. Keaney’s appointment is effective March 5, 2007.

Kearney has been the Warden of the Sussex Correctional Institution (SCI) since 1994. He has been an employee of the Delaware Department of Correction (DOC) since 1979. He was first hired as a Correctional Officer at SCI. Since that time he has held a variety of positions including Lieutenant, Staff Lieutenant, Captain, and Deputy Warden

During his tenure with the department, Kearney has also served on the DOC Correctional Emergency Response Team (**C.E.R.T.**), a unit that is similar to a police department’s SWAT team. Additionally, he has several years of experience leading management teams and negotiating labor contracts.

Between 1996 and 2000 SCI experienced a large expansion which included the addition of a 100-bed Boot Camp, a 200-bed dormitory, a 120-bed housing unit and a 300-bed Pre-trial Building. Kearney was involved in the planning, design, construction and eventual operation of the units as they came on line.

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“In addition to being a very capable manager, Rick Kearney also has a solid background in prison security. Rick has a wealth of experience successfully managing prison expansion efforts. In light of our proposed expansion plans, he will prove invaluable to me and our agency” said Correction Commissioner Danberg. “I am pleased to have someone with his background and track record as part of my management team.”

Kearney is originally from Bel Air, Maryland. He presently resides in Georgetown, Delaware with his wife Faye.